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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: COOLING SYRIAN/JORDANIAN RELATIONS

1. REGULAR PALESTINIAN SOURCE TOLD US JUNE 8 THAT
JORDANIAN SECURITY OFFICIALS ON SYRIA-JORDAN BORDER HAVE
RECENTLY BECOME MUCH TOUGHER ABOUT ADMITTING SYRIANS TO JORDAN.
HE SAID THEY WERE SUBMITTING SYRIAN VEHICLES TO INTENSIVE
TIME-CONSUMING SEARCHES "JUST LIKE THE OLD DAYS." IN CONTRAST,
LEBANESE TRAVELERS WERE BEING ADMITTED WITH ONLY PERFUNCTORY
CHECKS. HE ATTRIBUTED THESE JORDANIAN ACTIONS TO KING
HUSSEIN'S ANGER AT NOT HAVING BEEN INCLUDED IN SYRIAN/EGYPTIAN/
SAUDI ARABIAN SUMMIT IN RIYADH LAST MAY 19.

2. COMMENT: IF JORDANIAN BORDER AUTHORITIES ARE INDEED
TIGHTENING ENTRY PROCEDURES FOR SYRIANS IT SUGGESTS A
SIGNIFICANT COOLING IN SYRIAN/JORDANIAN RELATIONS, AT THE
INSTIGATION OF THE JORDANIANS.
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